GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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WORKS OF ART IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision was taken quite sometime past to the effect that works of art be made as pre-requisite for any new Government public and semi-public building projects;

(b) if so, the date on which this decision was taken, the number of building projects executed thereafter, the works of arts provided in these buildings alongwith the cost thereof;

(c) the reasons, it any, for not making provision for adequate funds and engagement of egencies for decorating the buildings with the works of art like paintings, sculptures etc.;

(d) whether the Government propse to make adequate provisions for works of art while planning the new building projects as also for the existing buildings; and

(e) if so, the effective steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BAN DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): No, Sir, However, the Delhi Urban Art Commissionhas taken a decision on Feb 1, 2001 to make provision of 1% of project cost for the works of art in Public/Semi Public buildings as a condition for the commission`s approval of project proposals.

(c)to(e): Estimates for Government buildings are prepared in CPWD on the basis of plinth area rates and there is no provision for providing works of art in these rates. Hence, funds are not normally provided for works of art. However, wherever the architectural drawings provide for special architecutral features works or art etc. specific provisions are made for them in the estimates.